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Attachment to Advisory Action

Applicant argues that tensioning is not-obvious as it relates to a tape for precise location and sealing since the sealing mechanism needs to be precisely and consistently located relative to a predetermined section of the tape.

In response, there appears to be no significant relationship between the tensioner and the sealing mechanism because the sealing mechanism applies a pieces of tape which has been cut from a tensioned web (using the tensioner) of the tape and after the pieces have been transported from the cutter to the sealing mechanism.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications should be directed to Examiner Linda L. Gray at (703)308-1093, Monday-Friday from 6:30 am to 3:30 pm. The necessary fax numbers are (703)305-7718 (official), (703)305-7115 (unofficial), and (703)305-3599 (after final).

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